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Chapter 3  
Logic

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  - Logical operations
  - Propositional forms
  - From English to propositions
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  - $r$  = "All multiples of four are even numbers."

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- *Negation*, the NOT operation: reverses a truth value.
- Negation is a *unary operation*: only depends on one variable.
- Negation of  $p$  is denoted  $p'$ .  
(Some books use other notations, such as  $\bar{p}$ ,  $\sim p$ , or  $\neg p$ .)
- Can display via a *truth table*

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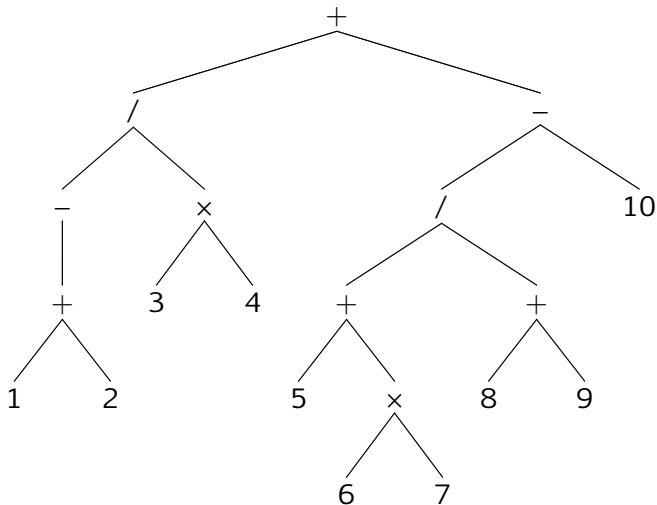
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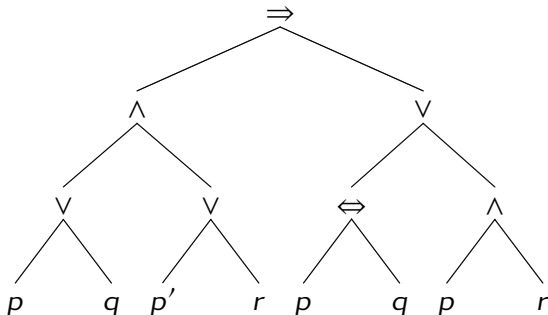
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So can replace

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- How to prove correct rules?
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- In other words, plug in a value and get a truth value (T or F).
- Examples:  $\text{man}(x)$  or  $\text{mortal}(x)$ .
- Can have more than one variable, e.g.,

$\text{older}(x,y) = \text{"}x \text{ is older than } y \text{"}$ .

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For example, suppose that  $\text{four}(t)$  means that  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  is divisible by 4 (in other words,  $t$  is an exact multiple of 4). Then:

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(Many people would omit the brackets.)

# Logic Circuits

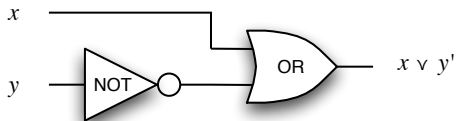
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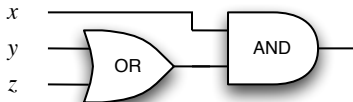
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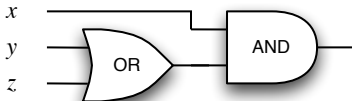




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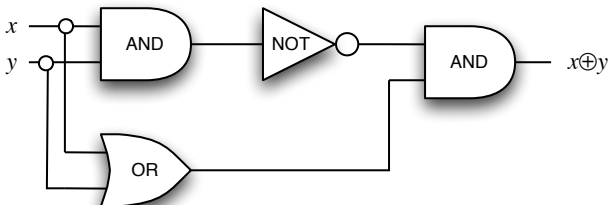
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